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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

THE ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Steering Group on Lebanon (U)

The election of a new Lebanese President, and the continuing evacuation of the PLO from Beirut, helps create the environment necessary for Lebanon's economic and political reconstruction. Our objectives in this process are: the restoration of Lebanon's full sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity; the rapid withdrawal of all foreign forces from that country; helping insure the security of northern Israel; and the eventual restoration of the Lebanese economy. (C)

In order to work effectively toward these objectives, the President has directed the Department of State to chair an Interagency Steering Group on Lebanon (ISGL). The ISGL will:

- Develop a U.S. strategy for and coordinate United States Government efforts to reestablish a strong Lebanese government with authority over all of Lebanon, to include diplomatic and political support for Lebanon and efforts to upgrade the defense capability of the Lebanese armed forces;
- Coordinate international cooperation programs, including the contribution to this effort of our European allies, particularly France;
- -- Provide policy guidance to the President's Personal Representative for U.S. relief to Lebanon for his relief and reconstruction efforts. (¢)

The President asks that the Steering Group prepare an initial report on its plans and programs by September 15, 1982. (U)

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